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SUBJECT: LUNCH WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER GRUNERT

REF: BERLIN 5535 (NOTAL)

1. DEPARTMENT IS PLEASED BY OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGES IN
BERLIN OVER NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL PRESENT TO DISCUSS FUTURE
COURSE OF US-GDR RELATIONS. AS A GENERAL APPROACH, WE
BELIEVE CHARGE SHOULD STRESS OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN
MOVING FORWARD IN SPECIFIC AREAS WITH THE GDR. YOU
SHOULD NOT SHY AWAY FROM A CLEAR STATEMENT OF OUR
UNHAPPIENESS OVER RECENT EVENTS IN BERLIN AND SHOULD
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MAKE CLEAR THAT THESE ACTIONS CANNOT HELP BUT HAVE
NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE OVERALL STATE OF OUR TIES.
HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WISH TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION
THAT ALL HOPES FOR CONCRETE PROGRESS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK FOR MOVEMENT IN AREAS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST, DESPITE THE NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE
CREATED BY THE GDR ACTIONS.

2. DEPARTMENT ENDORSES MANNER IN WHICH CHARGE INTENDS TO TREAT CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS.

B. DEPARTMENT AGREES THAT CLAIMS SHOULD BE RAISED IN MANNER DESCRIBED IN PARA. 3 OF REFTEL. DEPARTMENT WOULD BE WILLING TO SEND EXPERT TO DISCUSS NEXT STEPS OR TO RECEIVE GDR EXPERTS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

C. WE CONCUR IN FURTHER MENTION OF HUMANITARIAN CASES. ONE ISSUE CHARGE MIGHT WISH TO FLAG IS GROWING PROBLEM OF FAMILY VISITS. THE GDR IS NOT ONLY REFUSING MANY APPLICATIONS FOR SUCH VISITS, BUT IS DOING SO IN AN UNUSUALLY UNFRIENDLY FASHION, WHICH DEMONSTRATES LITTLE COMPASSION FOR THE HUMAN PROBLEMS INVOLVED. CHARGE SHOULD POINT TO LANGUAGE ON FAMILY VISITS IN CSCE AND STATE THAT THIS ISSUE IS LIKELY TO BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT AS AMERICANS WITH RELATIVES IN THE GDR BECOME AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITIES CONTAINED IN THE HELSINKI DOCUMENT. AS THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE APPROACHES, THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESS WILL DEVOTE INCREASED ATTENTION TO CSCE ISSUES AND FAMILY VISITS WILL BECOME EVEN MORE IMPORTANT. AS PROPOSED IN BERLIN 5443, DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE A PARALLEL APPROACH ON HUMANITARIAN CASES, PROBABLY WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK.

D. CSCE: CHARGE SHOULD MAKE STRONG STATEMENT ON OUR DESIRE FOR REPLY TO OUR INITIATIVE ON CSCE IMPLEMENTATION. CONFIDENTIAL

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YOU SHOULD POINT TO THE USEFULNESS OF OUR PROPOSAL IN CREATING A BROAD BASE FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT. WHILE WE REMAIN READY TO CONSULT AT THE EXPERTS LEVEL, WE BELIEVE IT IS EQUALLY AS USEFUL TO ESTABLISH THE BROADER CONTACTS SUGGESTED IN THE US PROPOSAL. IF GRUNERT RAISES THE GDR PROPOSAL FOR EXPERTS' CONSULTATIONS, CHARGE SHOULD STATE THAT US AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO SUCH CONSULTATIONS BUT THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SUGGEST A DEFINITE DATE UNTIL WE ARE FURTHER ALONG IN OUR OWN INTERNAL PREPARATIONS FOR BELGRADE.

E. HARTMAN VISIT TO EAST BERLIN: CHARGE SHOULD NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO RAISE THIS ISSUE. IF GRUNERT MENTIONS THE INVITATION, CHARGE SHOULD EXPRESS DOUBT THAT CURRENT STATE OF US-GDR RELATIONS WOULD MAKE SUCH A VISIT APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. IF GRUNERT ASKS FOR AN AMPLIFICATION, CHARGE SHOULD NOTE THAT RECENT EVENTS IN BERLIN ARE PART OF THE SITUATION, BUT THAT THE LACK OF PROGRESS ON OTHER IMPORTANT ISSUES, ESPECIALLY THE

CONSULAR NEGOTIATIONS, DOES NOT SUGGEST THAT THERE IS ENOUGH FORWARD MOVEMENT TO WARRANT A POLITICAL LEVEL VISIT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

F. LONG TERM VISAS: CHARGE SHOULD REPEAT US POSITION

ON THIS ISSUE. FYI: GDR EMBASSY COUNSELOR MONTAG TOOK OCCASION OF VISIT BY DR. PLAGEMANN OF IIB TO EUR/CE ON MARCH 15 TO EXPRESS GDR UNHAPPINESS OVER DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO TECHNICIANS. MONTAG SUGGESTED THAT SINCE THE GDR HAD BEEN FORTHCOMING ON HUMANITARIAN CASES, THE US SHOULD RECIPROCATE. WHEN INFORMED THAT THE DELAY WAS A DIRECT REACTION TO GDR ACTIONS IN BERLIN, MONTAG REPEATED STANDARD GDR POSITION ON ABSENCE OF TIE BETWEEN STEPS IN EAST BERLIN AND US RIGHTS IN WEST BERLIN. EUR/CE OFFICERS RESPONDED FIRMLY THAT IF GDR PERSISTED QUESTIONING FOUR POWER STATUS OF BERLIN, CONFIDENTIAL

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BILATERAL RELATIONS WOULD SUFFER.

G: CULTURAL RELATIONS: REPLY TO GDR PROPOSALS TO EXPAND CULTURAL RELATIONS IS IN FINAL STAGES OF PREPARATION. CHARGE MIGHT WISH TO NOTE THAT WE HOPE TO PROVIDE A DETAILED RESPONSE TO EACH OF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE BY DR. BETTIN AND THAT EXAMINATION OF EACH OF THE SUGGESTIONS HAS TAKEN SOME TIME. AS A GENERAL MATTER, CHARGE SHOULD STATE THAT WE WERE HAPPY TO RECEIVE GDR IDEAS TO EXPAND CULTURAL RELATIONS AND THAT US WILL RESPOND IN AS POSITIVE A FASHION AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, GDR SHOULD REALIZE THAT NEITHER DEPARTMENT NOR USIA ARE IN A POSITION TO GUARANTEE GDR PARTICIPATION IN A SPECIFIC EVENT. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO FACILITATE CONTACTS WITH ORGANIZERS ETC, BUT ACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS MUST BE ARRANGED DIRECTLY WITH US INSTITUTION.

3. PROPERTY EXCHANGES: CHARGE MAY WISH ALSO TO REFER TO GDR PROMISE TO PROVIDE WRITTEN PROPOSAL ON POSSIBLE EXCHANGE OF PARISER PLATZ PROPERTY FOR CHANCERY PROPERTY (STATE 53180) AND REMIND GRUNERT THAT WE ARE STILL AWAITING THIS, DRAWING ON THE POINTS NOTED IN THE REFTEL.
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